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NEWSLETTER 17

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

Here we are already **three quarters** of the way through the 2015 school year ... that is where we will be on Friday afternoon! Spring is around (somewhere ...), and along with the amount of rain we have all been experiencing these past few days has made this week a bit of a challenge getting everything completed we wanted to. Lots of colour and photography in this newsletter – many thanks to Phil and Kathryn Simmons from Greenmeadows Service Centre for their sponsorship of this newsletter.

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

A very warm Greenmeadows School welcome to these children and their families:

Natalia Demouth, Brodie Booker, Victoria Pugh,

Brooklyn Sharplin, Neme Andrews, Lilly & Lockie Seerden

All these students have started well and now get the benefit of the holiday break coming up to relax after this excellent beginning.

These student enrolments bring our roll to 460.

FROM OUR RECENT ERO REPORT

The final report has been produced by ERO, and here are just some of the many positive and encouraging comments:

- *'students, staff and families have strong connections to the school. Parents, whanau and aiga are seen as important partners in their children's learning'*
- *'students experience a broad and responsive curriculum'*
- *'students enjoy learning. Respectful relationships amongst teachers and students are evident in all classrooms'*
- *'Trustees are experienced and bring a wide range of skills to their governance roles'*

Well done to the entire GMS brilliant staff, the fantastic GMS students and the outstanding GMS BOT. I am extremely proud of each one of you and thank you all for developing such an excellent school and learning environment

NAPIER INTERSCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Last week the Napier Schools Cross-country was held at Park Island in delightful spring conditions. Greenmeadows School were represented by 48 runners all determined to persevere and give their best in the races. This included a couple of last minute replacements who gave a very good account of themselves filling in for unavailable runners.

We had some fantastic performances from our runners, especially since the races had up to eighty runners in them. Congratulations to our top twenty place getters who were:

Jamie Evans	Year 6 Girls	1st
Tom O'Shea	Year 6 Boys	5th
Shae Watts	Year 6 Boys	12th
Rylee Moore	Year 5 Girls	16th
Cohen Batterham	Year 5 Boys	14th
Judge Jury	Year 5 Boys	16th
Clara Newman	Year 4 Girls	8th
Rylan O'Shea	Year 4 Boys	2nd
Jaydn Field	Year 4 Boys	7th
Blake Haines	Year 4 Boys	9th
Zoe Ennor	Year 3 Girls	3rd
Calais Bell	Year 3 Girls	10th
Rylin Glenny	Year 3 Boys	9th
Casey Thompson	Year 3 Boys	12th
Dantae Delamere	Year 3 Boys	15th

Two of our teams finished third in their events. Congratulations to:

Year 3 Boys (Jett O'Brien, Dantae Delamere, Rylin Glenny, Casey Thompson, Cole Dallimore and Liam Johns)

Year 6 boys (Tom O'Shea, Kees MacKirdy, Shae Watts, Cameron Steed, Rueben Davies and Ryan McNatty)

The Year 3 Girls finished second and they were Zoe Ennor, Jessica Pyott, Calais Bell, Caitlin Walls, Teaghan Jackson and Emma Blake.

And a **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** to our Year 4 Boys for coming 1st! Our team consisted of Rylan O'Shea, Blake Haines, Caleb Hunt, Jadyne Field, Jesse Beals and Daryn Whyte who all finished in the top 30 of their race.

GMS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM HAWKES BAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The cross-country season came to an end this week, when our team of twenty-four runners (pictured above) took part in the Hawkes Bay cross-country champs. They all gave a wonderful account of themselves running against children from all over Hawkes Bay. Fantastic!

Four of our team finished in the top ten of their races:

Jamie Evans 5th in Year 6 girls

Tom O'Shea 7th in Year 6 boys

Jadyn Field 9th in Year 4 boys

Rylan O'Shea 10th in Year 4 boys

Other GMS runners who made the top twenty in Hawkes Bay were: Calais Bell, Dantae Delamere, Casey Thompson, Judge Jury, Jesse Beals, Cohen Batterham, Clara Newman and Shae Watts.

GMS ON TOUR TO NELSON PARK SCHOOL

Close to 100 Year 3 to 6 students from our school travelled by bus and car to Nelson Park to perform a 75 minute concert of some of the wonderful creative arts students from GMS are involved in. Performers included:

- Kapa haka
- Choir
- Ukulele 'Ukettes' along with dancers
- Extension guitar group who performed "Wish You Were Here" (Pink Floyd) and "Wonderwall" (Oasis)
- The Christchurch bound Jump Jammers

It made one very proud Principal, as well as the large number of parents and grandparents from our school who came along to see the magic these children can produce. An enormous thanks to all the dedicated staff members who put in hours supporting, encouraging and inspiring these children!

GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these children who were presented with medals at the last school assembly:

Respect: Maddison Walker

Perseverance: Lucia Murphy

Excellence: Casey Thompson

What a great effort you three! These medals are so sought after by the students of our school: it is a wonderful feeling having one's name called out. Well done!

QUIZ NIGHT—JUMP JAM FUNDRAISER

On the 2nd October at the Meeanee Hotel the Jump Jam team are holding a Quiz Night to raise funds for their forthcoming trip to the finals in Christchurch. \$60 for a team of 6, purchase your tickets from the school office or contact Toni Miles on 021 1844 791.

BAREFOOT TENS RUGBY

Our two teams had their games rained off this week ... but as promised we will be having the GMS A v GMS B match this Friday afternoon. This game will only be stopped by earthquake or tsunami — we will play in rain, hail or snow!!! If it is wet the game will kick off at 2.15pm, otherwise if dry, an hour earlier. Remember those mouth guards and shorts.

TERM 3 SPORTS

This past term we have had many sports going on ... hockey, football, netball, basketball, rugby, Spooner Shield, the various cross-country events and the Super Sixes. These opportunities are not possible without parent and school staff support. So a HUGE special thank you to those who have helped coaching, transporting and supporting our children. It is brilliant to see GMS kids out there getting involved in so many ways and giving their best.

Could any school supplied uniforms (including a couple of rugby jerseys) be returned to school by the end of term. A few are missing, so please double-check at home that you do not have any. Many thanks.

TOMORROW'S ASSEMBLY

With the weather forecast not looking promising, and the fact the Heart of the School takes a long time to dry, it is very unlikely that we will have a school assembly tomorrow. It is during weeks like this that we miss having the extra indoor space that a Hall can bring ...

EQUIPKIDS

Holiday programmes 8.30am to 6.00pm. Outings and fun activities

Cost \$5 an hour. WINZ subsidies available

Contact Tiffany Moore (Supervisor) 0273222777—8444017



Room 1	Kingston Tipu-White	Room 2	Jayden Konia
Room 3	Ayush Sundar	Room 4	Reuben Berkahn
Room 5	Scarlett-Rose Morris	Room 6	Jordan Sullivan
Room 7	Charlotte Field	Room 8	Max Giddens
Room 9	Nicole He	Room 10	Brylee Pugh
Room 11	Shyla Heke	Room 12	Brooke Hansen
Room 13	Millie Ford	Room 14	Hunter Piercy Tyla Joros
Room 15	Claire Meybaum	Room 16	Cameron Steed
Room 17	Asha Penn	Room 18	Ava Geenty

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 8.TERM 3



*Mark Johnson
Principal*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

25th Sept	Last day of Term 3
12th Oct	First day of Term 4
15th Oct	Digi-Award finals – Municipal Theatre
15th Oct	Rooms 4, 5, 6, 7 Start swimming lessons at Greendale Pools (last day 30th Oct)
19th Oct	Year 6 Optimist Yachting
23rd Oct	Hawkes Bay Anniversary Day – School closed
26th Oct	Labour Day – School closed
2nd Nov	Rooms 1, 2, 3, 18 Start swimming lessons at Greendale pools (last day 13th Nov)
3rd Nov	School Photographs
5th Nov	School Athletics Day
18th Nov	Interschool Athletics Day
17 Dec	Last day for 2015
1 Feb	First day of 2016

Look on our school website for additional dates and events: there are plenty!

Have a safe, happy and relaxing holiday everyone. Remember summer clothes and sun hats in Term 4!!!

*Mauri ora whanau
Nga mihi nui*

Totara Syndicate Moteo Marae Visit

In Week 7, the Year 5 and 6 Totara Syndicate spent a day at Moteo Marae, Puketapu. Our students were involved in a welcoming powhiri, enjoyed a kai and a variety of rich experiences that supported the learning we have been involved in this term, and were farewelled in a traditional poroporoaki.

Special thanks to the Moteo Marae Whanau, Rakei Ngaia from Sport Hawkes Bay, Piri Ormsby for her teaching and our wonderful parent tutors, helpers and supporters.

It was a great day of learning and enjoyment for all involved.



Moteo Marae
Welcoming, fascinating
Sketching, weaving, sprinting
A really special day to remember
Listening, twirling, eating
Exciting, enjoyable
Moteo Marae

Leila Burder

Moteo Marae
Arty, thrilling
Crafting, drawing, learning
An amazing Maori learning outpost
Running, thinking, creating
Legend-themed, exciting
Moteo Marae

- Logan Ide

